

Existing law, with regard to parish prisons, authorizes each law enforcement district through its chief law enforcement office, to obtain reimbursement for the costs of room and board of any inmate incarcerated in a parish prison facility.

Existing law additionally provides that the governing authority may obtain reimbursement from inmates for the costs of medical and dental expenses incurred by the inmate. Excludes inmates sentenced to the DPS&C, but in the custody of the sheriff, from providing such reimbursement.

New law retains these provisions of existing law. Additionally allows each law enforcement district, through its chief law enforcement officer, to obtain restitution from any inmate incarcerated in a parish prison facility, including those sentenced to the DPS&C, for property damaged or destroyed by the inmate.

New law provides that the amount of restitution is the actual costs or a portion thereof of repairing or replacing the damaged or destroyed property. Requires the law enforcement district to adopt ordinances for collection of restitution by the law enforcement officer, which may include the freezing of assets in the inmate's drawing account. New law allows the withdrawal of funds for payment of reparations to crime victims, authorized court costs, other payments required by the sentencing judge, and other withdrawals authorized to be made by the sheriff, if the inmate's assets have been frozen. Provides that inmates transferred to other facilities remain liable for restitution.

New law prohibits the assets of the inmate's drawing account from being reduced below \$5.

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